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Brussels, August, 3. 1674.

Yesterday in the Morning, his Highness the Prince of Orange, and General Souches, intending to pass their Army over a small River hard by the side of a Wood, where a considerable part of them were got over, a strong party of French Troops that lay in Ambuscade in the aforesaid wood furiously falling forth, made an attack upon Nine Regiments that were yet left behind, of whom Three Regiments were immediately cut off, and almost totally destroyed, and the rest forced to give ground, not able to withstand the fury of the French onser. The night whereof obliged those that were gone over the River to repair back again to their succour; but in the mean time the French had made themselves Masters of the Prince of Oranges Carriages, which were soon after retaken, and three times won, and lost that day.

For the Prince of Conde sending in another fresh party of six thousand Horse, which were met by some of our Troops of equal number and resolution put them to a stand, and so succours being sent in from each side, both the armies became in short time actually engaged in a fierce and bloody Battle, and ground on which they fought was very rough and craggy, so that the Horse though they omitted not to use their utmost endeavours could not do that service as might otherwise have been expected. Our Rear-guard being Spanish Troops, received most damage, wherein the Dutch felt almost an equal share, being forced to retreat towards the Imperialists, who composed the Van. The fight continued with much fierceness and obstinacy on either side for many hours, but at last the French retreated into their Trenches, and the confederate Armies after some pursuit, took themselves; the Prince of Orange to his former Post, and the Imperialists to Mont.

Certain it is there has been a very great loss of men on each side in this notable action; but as to the certain number, reports as 'tis usual on such occasions, speaks very variously, some telling of twenty thousand in all destroyed, others sixteen thousand, but the most moderate and probable account is, ten thousand of the French, and three thousand five hundred of our Confederate Armies. Amongst the former are great numbers of persons of Quality, so that 'tis confidently reported that not less than four hundred of the French Nobility and Gentlemen of name are cut off on our side, Monsieur De Cavier, and Baron de

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Beck are killed, Prince Charles of Lorraine, Prince Pio, and Count Weldeck wounded, the Prince of Salin, the Duke of Holstein and the Count Marode, and the Marquis d'Alenar being all wounded were taken prisoners, of which we hear the last is since dead of his wounds.

All reports agree that the Princes of Orange did in all things both as to Conduct and Courage, behave in a most admirable manner.

Nor do we hear of any Commanders that neglected their Duty on this glorious Occasion, particularly the brave Governor of Maastricht has signalized himself by his extraordinary acts of Courage, which may silence their envious tongues. We have endeavoured to fully his Honour about delivering up of that Town, our Governor, the Count Monteno by an Express carried all the great Guns in this City to be often discharged, and to supply them in all our Churches, and Victory to be burnt in all our streets for Joy of our Success in this Engagement.

Para 2. at 12 at Night.

After a long expectation we have certain advice of a Battle between our Forces, and the Confedrate troops, wherein the Dispute has been very sharp and bloody, and yet we have much reason to believe that the Success inclined to our side, for that we are certainly informed, that our Troops have not only utterly defeated the Enemies Rear-Guard, and because we have taken Prisoners several of their principal Officers, As the Marquis of *Alenar*, the Prince of *Salin*, and others, with a considerable number of Common Soldiers, a great deal of Ammunition, and some Cannon; The Prince of *Orange* was in extraordinary danger, being more than once dismounted, and the Duke of *Enghien* his Son wounded; Likewise the Marquis *Richelieu*, Monsieur *Maurice*, the Chevalier *Paul*, the Colonel *de la Motte*, and divers other Commanders of Quality, and as was told between 4000. and 5000. Common Soldiers on our side, but twice as many on the Enemies.

We hourly expect to hear of a second Engagement, this is the reason for that the Marshal *Tromp* is now and will, forward on his March, to join with, and Reinforce the Duke of *Orange* with his Troops.



